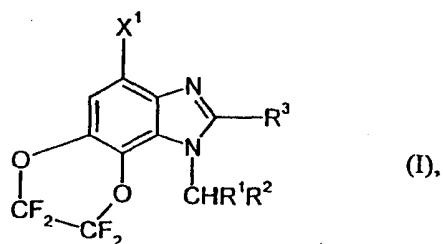


Patent Claims

1. The benzimidazoles of the formula (I)



in which

X^1 represents chlorine or bromine,

10 R^1 represents hydrogen or C_{1-4} -alkyl,

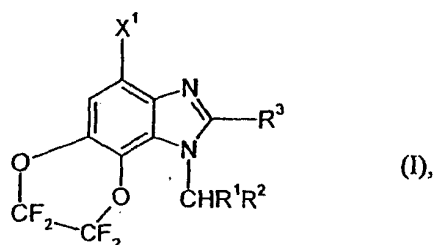
R^3 represents fluoroalkyl,

15 R^2 represents the radical $\text{—}\overset{\text{R}_4}{\underset{|}{\text{N}}}\text{—}\overset{\text{O}}{\underset{||}{\text{C}}}\text{—OR}^5$,

R^4 represents alkyl or substituted phenyl,

R^5 represents alkyl.

- 20 2. Process for the preparation of the benzimidazoles of the formula (I)



in which

X^1 represents chlorine or bromine

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R^1 represents hydrogen or C_{1-4} -alkyl,

R^3 represents fluoroalkyl,

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R^2 represents the radical $\text{---}\overset{\text{R}^4}{\underset{|}{\text{N}}}\text{---}\overset{\text{O}}{\underset{||}{\text{C}}}\text{---OR}^5$,

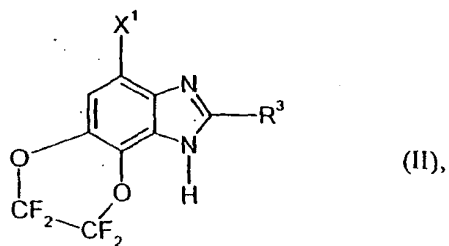
R^4 represents alkyl or substituted phenyl

R^5 represents alkyl,

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characterized in that

1 H-benzimidazoles of the formula (II)

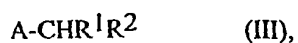


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in which

X^1 and R^3 have the meaning indicated above,

5 are reacted with an alkylating agent of the formula (III)



in which

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A represents a suitable leaving group,

R^1 and R^2 have the meaning indicated above,

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if appropriate in the presence of diluents and/or reaction auxiliaries.

3. Composition against parasitic protozoa, characterized in that it contains at least one substituted benzimidazole of the formula (I) according to Claim 1.
- 20 4. Process for controlling parasitic protozoa, characterized in that substituted benzimidazoles of the formula (I) according to Claim 1 are allowed to act on these and/or their environment.
- 25 5. Use of substituted benzimidazoles of the formula (I) according to Claim 1 for controlling parasitic protozoa.
6. Use of substituted benzimidazoles of the formula (I) according to Claim 1 for the preparation of compositions against parasitic protozoa.

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7. Mixtures of substituted benzimidazoles of the formula (I) according to Claim 1 with polyether antibiotics or synthetic coccidiosis agents for controlling parasitic protozoa.